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PLEASE REPLY TO:

Christine Secula
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Old Forge, PA 18518

October 1, 1984

CERTIFIED MAIL #P 622 607 758

Mr. Walter Graham
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
6th and Walnut Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Re: Lackawanna Refuse Site

Dear Walter:

Thank you for meeting with our committee on September 25. We appreciate your taking the time to introduce yourself and discuss our concerns. Following are the points discussed and the action you agreed to take:

1. Excavation into Pits 2 and 3. We requested that you provide us, in writing, with the status on the excavation such as bid due date, start date of excavation, number of days of digging, how weather will affect digging, safety precautions to be taken for the community. You agreed to provide the committee with this information, in writing.

We also requested that you meet with Mayor Frank DiGennari, other Borough officials and School Board to assure that they are aware of the excavation to take place and ascertain that all precautions have been satisfied for the complete safety of the community. You agreed to do this before the public hearing. We ask for a confirmation that this meeting will take place.

2. Feasibility Study for Pit #5 and Access Roads. As discussed, we understand that this information is available and request that we be provided that portion of the Feasibility Study having to do with Pit #5 and the access roads. You agreed to check the status of this.

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3. Wildlife Study. Although you reported on this study, we requested that the status be provided in writing. This should include a listing of the types and number of animals taken and names and addresses of the laboratories to which they were sent. You agreed to provide this information, in writing.

Since EPA is obviously aware of the long turn-around time at most laboratories, we lodge a protest that the EPA delayed until September 25 to finally have some of this testing done at a laboratory with a probable turn-around time of 45 days.

4. Iacavazzi Owned Trucks on Access Road. We requested that you contact EPA attorneys to find out what can be done to prevent Peter Iacavazzi from using the access road. You agreed to do this.
5. Dates for Sunday Meetings. As we discussed, you agreed to give us a list of dates you have available should we request a meeting on a Sunday.

You also indicated that since Ed Shoener was so familiar with our site, he would be available to answer questions or help in whatever way possible. We understand that October 17, 1984 is the tentative date for the public hearing on the RIR and excavation into pits 2 and 3. We feel that there will be many concerns and questions brought up that only Ed will be able to address and, therefore, the Committee strongly recommends that Ed be present at the public hearing.

Thank you for your phone call of September 27 to review your progress on the above items. We feel that we still have no definite answers to our concerns and are requesting the reply in writing. Since time is of the essence, we must insist that your reply to this letter be received by us no later than October 8, 1984.

Sincerely,

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Vice Chairman

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